

MARCH 12th, 1814.

Read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole house on Wednesday next.

A Bill

Authorising the president to cause certain parts of the coast of the United States to be surveyed.

1 *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in congress assembled, That*
3 the president be, and he is hereby authorised to cause the several
4 portages between the navigable waters on the coast of the
5 United States, from the river St. Marys to the Hudson, to be
6 accurately surveyed by one or more persons, to be appointed by
7 him, for the purpose of ascertaining the most eligible sites for
8 canals between the same, whereby an internal water communication
9 between the aforesaid rivers may be completed; and that
10 a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated
11 for the defraying any expense which may be incurred in making
12 such survey, to be paid out of any money in the treasury
13 not otherwise appropriated.